



Name: Oscar Muriu

Title: Raising up a legacy of African leaders for the church of Christ worldwide

Discussion Guide

This resource is designed to help your small group or college class discussion. It's shaped to inspire you to consider new ways to understand the issues discussed in this video. You don't need to answer all the questions. Please allow time for discussion and response.

Materials

1. Person Interviewed: Oscar Muriu
2. Theme of Video: Raising up a legacy of African leaders for the church of Christ worldwide

Preliminary discussion

Consider the questions suggested below to start the conversation for your small group or college class. They'll consolidate the content of the video, after you've viewed it.

1. What were the major themes in this video?
2. How do those themes relate to your life and context?
3. Discuss the difficulties of the content. What was difficult to understand? Was there anything you would like to clarify with the group?
4. Theological method: How is the interviewee's theology and outlook informed and shaped by their practical ministry and context? What approaches do they take in understanding God in the context of their daily life and ministry?

Explore and apply

Explore the major themes raised in the video. Critically engage with the theology. Consider the questions that respond to the issues raised in your preliminary discussion. Apply the answers to these questions in your own setting. Ensure the discussion is specifically drawing on your local setting. Make sure the discussion is relevant to the lives of faith for your small group or college class. Encourage relevant and thoughtful examples from each participant.

1. Muriu has served as the Senior Pastor of the Nairobi Chapel since 1991. In that time, the church has grown from 20 to over 3,000 people, with 26 church plants. Can you please tell us about how he came to pastor Nairobi Chapel?
2. How does Muriu describe Nairobi Chapel for us, its history and what it looks like today?
3. Nairobi Chapel's mission is "Growing D.E.E.P. to reach W.I.D.E." How does Muriu unpack that mission for us?
4. What are Nairobi Chapel's core values?
5. What are the key things at the heart of the Chapel's DNA?
6. How does the Transformation Track help people become disciples?
7. Muriu's personal mission is to raise up a legacy of African leaders for the Church of Christ worldwide. How does he describe this vision, and the ways this has taken shape?
8. Kenya is a young population, gospel music is popular, and the economy is on the upswing. What opportunities for ministry exist in your context of Kenya?
9. How does the church offer hope and healing in the context of government instability, security threats, a secularizing populace, and so on?
10. The video discusses Muriu's ten vision targets. How does the Chapel hope to lead 1 million people to Christ?
11. What strategies will you use to disciple 100,000 people?
12. Discuss their vision to plant 300 churches? How is that taking shape in Kenya, Africa, and other parts of the world?
13. How is Muriu hoping to impact society?
14. How is the Chapel developing leaders?
15. What social justice ministries are the Chapel involved in?
16. How is the Chapel addressing endemic poverty in Africa, poor governance, corruption, and the abuse of human rights?
17. What does Muriu most love about your ministry?
18. If Muriu could say one thing to the church today, what would it be?

Informing Community

Facilitate the space for your group to respond to the discussion. You might consider this section as a personal time of written journal responses to the following questions.

1. What is God encouraging our group and me, to do?
2. In response to the issues raised in the video, what are areas I want to ask God for forgiveness in? How do I need to change? What does God want me to stand up for?
3. How do I need God to minister to me and my community, for us to better engage with the contextual issues of our community?
4. How can I gain a better understanding of the issues discussed in this video? What do we ask that God would do in our hearts?

Prayer

Spend time in prayer over what you've learnt.

Invite the ministry of the Holy Spirit to clarify, heal, and inspire change for your participants and communities.

Links

Website: www.theglobalchurchproject.com

Books:

Graham Joseph Hill and Grace Ji-Sun Kim. *Healing Our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World* (IVP, 2018).

Graham Joseph Hill. *GlobalChurch: Reshaping Our Conversations, Renewing Our Mission, Revitalizing Our Churches* (IVP Academic, 2016).

Graham Joseph Hill. *Salt, Light, and a City (Second Edition): Ecclesiology for the Global Missional Community: Volume 1, Western Voices* (Cascade, 2017).

Graham Joseph Hill. *Salt, Light, and a City: Conformation—Ecclesiology for the Global Missional Community: Volume 2, Majority World Voices* (Cascade, 2020).

Graham Joseph Hill. *Holding Up Half the Sky: A Biblical Case for Women Leading and Teaching in the Church* (Cascade, 2020).

Graham Joseph Hill and Michael Frost. *Hide This in Your Heart: Bible Memory for Discipleship and Mission* (NavPress, 2020).